

Joint Standards Committee

18 April 2018

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Monitoring Report on Complaints Received

Summary

1. This is a routine report to update the Committee on recent standard complaints.

Background

2. Since the Committee last met in January six new complaints have been received about City Councillors and two about Parish Councillors. Of these complaints three have been referred to assessment sub committees and three have been concluded by the Monitoring Officer acting in consultation with the Independent persons. None have resulted in formal action but advice has been given to Members in some cases and one also resulted in an apology being offered for any inadvertent caused.
3. Two cases are still going through the assessment process.
4. Two further cases which have not been previously reported were considered by an Assessment Sub Committee and resulted in no action being taken.
5. At the last meeting the Monitoring Officer reported that he was in discussion with one complainant whose complaint required additional information. That information has not arrived but further discussions have led to the Parish Council involved inviting YLCA to offer some support which may help with any underlying issues.
6. One case is the subject of an ongoing investigation with reports expected shortly.

Recommendations

7. Members are recommended to:

- 1) Note the report
- 2) Consider reviewing how this information is presented to the Committee in future.

Reason: To ensure that the Committee is aware of current levels of activity and that the standards complaints system is used for its primary purpose.

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Wards Affected: *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

All



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Background Papers:

None